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FOR: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND ORGANIC SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM SEA

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Constantinos Kilimiris, declare the following.

I am well acquainted with the English language and the Greek language.

I have read and understand the invention as described in the present specification and claims, and have read and understand the Office Action dated November 6, 2001.

The present invention is drawn to a macroreticular polymer, a process for preparing said macroreticular polymer, and the use of said macroreticular polymer as an absorbent.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner states that Applicants' amendment of the specification and claims wherein

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the term "macroplegmatic" has been replaced with "macroreticular" adds new matter to the disclosure.

In my opinion, replacement of the term "macroplegmatic" with "macroreticular" does not add new matter to the disclosure for the following reasons.

There appears to have been an error in the translation of the priority application 960100185 (hereinafter GR '185), filed in Greece on June 5, 1996. As can be seen from the attached pages 2 and 8-10 of GR '185, the Greek term in question, "μακροπλεγματική", appears with frequency. This Greek term was inadvertently translated to be "macroplegmatic". The original translator understood that the Greek term "μακροπλεγματική" defines the inventive polymeric composition as being in the form of a large net or a macro**net**. The term "plegma" is the Greek equivalent of the English term "net", which in Latin is "reticulum". Accordingly, the term "macroreticular" is the appropriate translation of the Greek term "μακροπλεγματική", and it is not new matter to replace the term "macroplegmatic" with "macroreticular" in view of the common etymology of the two words.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and

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belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

This 30th day of January, 2002

By: 

Constantinos Kilimiris